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For: SPECIES-SPECIFIC, GENUS-SPECIFIC AND UNIVERSAL DNA PROBES AND AMPLIFICATION PRIMERS TO RAPIDLY DETECT AND IDENTIFY COMMON BACTERIAL AND FUNGAL PATHOGENS AND ASSOCIATED ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE GENES FROM CLINICAL SPECIMENS FOR DIAGNOSIS IN MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORIES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" please insert:

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- This is a continuation of a continued prosecution application filed March 30, 2001 for Application No. 09/297,539 filed May 3, 1999, which is a 371 of PCT/CA97/00829 filed November 4, 1997, which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/743,637, filed November 4, 1996. -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-45.